

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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LORI OSTENFELD,	:	
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Plaintiff,	:	
	:	22-CV-8265 (VSB)
-against-	:	
	:	<u>ORDER AND NOTICE OF</u>
	:	<u>INITIAL CONFERENCE</u>
THE GUARDIAN LIFE INSURANCE	:	
COMPANY OF AMERICA, Individually,	:	
and in its capacity as an Administrator of The	:	
Guardian Life Insurance Company of	:	
America Group Long Term Disability Income	:	
Insurance Group Plan Policy Number:	:	
00519629; NEWSELA, INC., Individually	:	
and in its capacity as Plan Sponsor and an	:	
Administrator of The Guardian Life Insurance	:	
Company of America Group Long Term	:	
Disability Income Insurance Group Plan	:	
Policy Number: 00519629; and THE	:	
GUARDIAN LIFE INSURANCE	:	
COMPANY OF AMERICA GROUP LONG	:	
TERM DISABILITY INCOME	:	
INSURANCE GROUP PLAN POLICY	:	
NUMBER: 00519629	:	
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Defendants.	:	
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VERNON S. BRODERICK, United States District Judge:

This case has been assigned to me for all purposes. It is hereby:

ORDERED that the Court will not be holding an initial pretrial conference.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, by December 6, 2022, the parties submit a joint letter,
not to exceed three (3) pages, providing the following information in separate paragraphs:

1. A brief description of the nature of the action and the principal defenses thereto;
2. A brief explanation of why jurisdiction and venue lie in this Court. If any party is a corporation, the letter shall state both the place of incorporation


and the principal place of business. If any party is a partnership, limited partnership, limited liability company or trust, the letter shall state the citizenship of each of the entity's members, shareholders, partners and/or trustees;

3. A brief description of all contemplated and/or outstanding motions;
4. A brief description of any discovery that has already taken place, and/or that which will be necessary for the parties to engage in meaningful settlement negotiations;
5. A brief description of prior settlement discussions (without disclosing the parties' offers or settlement positions) and the prospect of settlement;
6. The estimated length of trial; and
7. Any other information that the parties believe may assist the Court in advancing the case to settlement or trial, including, but not limited to, a description of any dispositive issue or novel issue raised by the case.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the parties also jointly submit to the Court a proposed case management plan and scheduling order. A template for the order is available at <http://nysd.uscourts.gov/judge/Broderick>. The status letter and the proposed case management plan should be filed electronically on ECF, consistent with Section 13.1 of the Court's Electronic Case Filing (ECF) Rules & Instructions, available at <https://nysd.uscourts.gov/rules/ecf-related-instructions>.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: November 30, 2022
New York, New York


Vernon S. Broderick
United States District Judge